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### MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD SCHEME

KANSAS CITY, Kan. -- United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today that **Willis Taylor, III**, 47, address unknown, currently in custody, was charged on November 19, 2003, with one count of mail fraud.

Melgren said that Taylor was arrested on November 19, 2003, and made his initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kansas. Taylor was detained and is set for an arraignment hearing on December 16, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge James P. O'Hara.

An affidavit filed with the court alleges that on July 19, 2002, Taylor caused a nursing license renewal application for another individual, whose identity Taylor was using, to be sent and delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. The affidavit further alleges that Taylor used another's name, social security number, and date of birth in order to obtain nursing licenses in Kansas and Missouri. The affidavit alleges that this other individual is a fifty-five year old male living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The affidavit alleges that while Taylor used this other person's identity, he was employed as a registered nurse for StarMed Staffing Group, Overland Park, Kansas, and worked in various hospitals in Kansas and throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. The affidavit alleges that Taylor was not a registered nurse during this time. The affidavit further alleges that on September 8, 1998, Taylor filed and received a Kansas nursing license, under the guise of another; that on July 19, 2002, the Kansas Board of Nursing received a nursing license renewal application in the mail from Taylor, under the guise of another, and that an updated license was mailed to Taylor; and that on July 14, 2003, Taylor filed a petition for license renewal with the Missouri Board of Nursing, under the guise of another, and a renewed license was mailed out a few days later.

If convicted, Taylor faces a maximum of twenty years in federal prison, without parole. The case was investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker. As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.